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"I have been trying to find out what you Friends believed, and I perceive that you differ in your views as much as members of other denominations." These words were addressed me lately, and my answer was: "I think we differ even more." Perhaps I am of this opinion because I am better acquainted with the views of our members than with those of other denominations, for the more I become acquainted with the views of different members of our Society the farther, I perceive, they differ.

Edward H. Magill, in one of his lectures in Canada on his tour a few summers ago, said that "there is as wide a divergency in the views of our

members as there is between all other societies."

Whether this be hyperbole or literally true I am not qualified to say. It is rather a startling statement, and the more so to those who have had the least opportunity for observing. What is the cause of this divergency, and what does it indicate? The cause, paradoxical as it seems, may be found in the two extremes—ignorance and intelligence. Ignorance of what our brother thinks on this or that subject, through want of interchange of thought, has been a source of different views in the past. But this cause is becoming removed to a great extent through the means of the First Day School. Then, it will be said the divergency will still remain and be as great, for the F. D. S. will enlighten just as much as it dispells ignorance. What it curtails from the one source it adds to the other. Have we gained nothing, then? I think we have. An intelligent variance is certainly better than an ignorant variance. Yes, better even than an ignorant conformity. It is better for people to think, though they may differ, than to believe alike without thinking. A divergency of opinion is a mark of an enlightened people. Is this all, then, or is there one step higher? Is there an intelligent conformity higher yet in both essentials and non-essentials? We will leave this question open for thought and for contributions, should any choose to take it up.

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